(c) and (d) SEBI takes appropriate penal action under the SEBI Act, and Rules and Regulations framed thereunder in case market manipulation is established by investigations being carried out by it. Specifically, SEBI (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade practices relating to Securities Markets) Regulations, 1995 would enable SEBI to take prompt and effective action rigging of share prices.

Liquidity crisis in Corporate Sector

1290. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 15th February, 1996 stating that the total deposit mobilisation by scheduled commercial banks of the country in the first nine month of 1995-96 has declined by a staggering Rs. 9,000 crore compared to previous year thereby accentuating the liquidity crisis in corporate sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) what are the details of the decline in public and private sector commercial banks during the first nine months of 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that the aggregate deposits of scheduled commercial banks showed an increase of Rs. 39181 crore in the first nine months of 1995-96 *i.e.* between March 17, 1995 and December 22, 1995 which is lower than the increase of Rs. 43613 crore in the corresponding period of 1994-95, by Rs. 4432 crores. However, the aggregate deposits of scheduled commercial banks during the 1995-96 so far that is from March 17, 1995 to February 16, 1996 increased by Rs. 45336 crores as compared with Rs. 48232 crores in the comparable period of 1994-95 thus reducing the decrease to Rs. 2896 crores.

Various measures have been announced by the RBI during the second half of 1995-96 to step up mobilisation of bank deposits. The interest rates on domestic deposits having maturity of over 2 years have been deregulated from October, 1995. The interest rates on deposits under Non-Resident (External) Rupee (NRE) Accounts have been increased in stages from 'not exceeding 8.0 per cent per annum' to 'not exceeding 12.0 per cent per annum' effective October 31, 1995. The average cash reserve ratio (CRR) on outstanding net demand and time liabilities has been reduced from 15.0 per cent to 14.0 per cent. The deposit under Non-Resident, Non-Repa-triable Rupee (NRNR) Accounts and Foreign currency Non-Resident Accounts (Banks)(FCNR) (B) Scheme have been exempted from the maintenance of cash reserve ratio. The average CRR on liabilities under Non-Resident (External) Rupee (NRE) accounts has been reduced from 15.0 per cent to 10.0 per cent and the incremental deposits under this scheme have been exempted from the maintenance of the average cash reserve ratio.

दूरदर्शन चैनल-3 द्वारा सरकारी नीतियों और कार्यक्रमों का प्रसारण न किया जाना

1291. **श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने दूरदर्शन के सभी चैनलों पर गणतंत्र दिवस की पूर्व संध्या पर राष्ट्रपति का राष्ट्र के नाम संदेश प्रसारित करने का निर्देश दूरदर्शन को दिया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि दूरदर्शन के चैनल-3 ने राष्ट्रपति के संदेश का प्रसारण नहीं किया और यह चैनल सरकार की नीतियों कार्यक्रमों आदि का कभी भी प्रसारण नहीं करता;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है और क्या सरकार ने संबंधित अधिकारियों की जिम्मेदारी नियत की है; और